# MINUTES Workforce Connection



### of Central New Mexico

### **Executive Committee**

Thursday, March 6, 2008 7:30 am MRCOG, 809 Copper NW - Board Room

Call to Order – 7:42 am – Bob Davey

Roll Call - by Patrick Newman

### **Present**

Ken Carson Bob Davey Judy LeJeune Rita Logan Mary Lee Martin Virginia Murphy John Sapien

### **Quorum Established**

### **Excused**

Mayor Patricia Chavez Carol Sanchez Mike Swisher Dave Tixier

Approval of Thursday, March 6, 2008 Agenda

Motion: John Sapien Second: Ken Carson

**No Discussion** 

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

Tab 2: Approval of Minutes, Executive Committee: February 7, 2008

Motion: Rita Logan Second: John Sapien

**No Discussion** 

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

### Tab 3: Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2008 - by Jan Borchardt

- Jan Borchardt, MRCOG Finance Manager, explained the WIA monthly expenditure report for February 2008.
- The billings from the Department of Workforce Solutions still have not been received.
- As of February 29, 2008, expenditures, including encumbrances, are at a 66 percent rate.

### **Questions and Comments Followed**

### FINAL ACTION ITEMS

There were two action items to discuss and vote on - One item was passed unanimously by voice vote, the other was tabled.

### Passed by voice vote

• Approval of Ticket to Work

### **Tabled**

 Approval and adoption of Business and Career Center Policies, Protocols and Procedures

**Tab 4: Approval of Ticket to Work -** Background and Introduction by Mary Modrow, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Navigator Program

- Funded by the Social Security Administration, the Ticket to Work Employment program assists individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining gainful employment.
- Mary Modrow presented the benefits of becoming an Employment Network provider for the Ticket to Work program and encouraged the Committee to apply.
- As an Employment Network provider, WIA will have more opportunities to acquire additional dollars while providing the same services.
- Staff is recommending the approval to become an Employment Network Provider with the Ticket to Work Program.

### **Questions and Comments Followed**

Motion to approve: John Sapien

**Second: Judy LeJeune** 

**No Discussion** 

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

### **Tab 5: Approval and Adoption of Business and Career Center Policies, Protocols and Procedures -** Background and Introduction by Patrick Newman

- Patrick Newman presented the Business and Career Center (BCC) Policies, Protocols and Procedures to the Committee.
- Developed and adopted by the WCCNM staff and WIA Partners, the policies, protocols and procedures will provide necessary guidance for enhanced quality integrated BCC customer services.

- The Site Manager, responsible for day-to-day operations of the BCC, will oversee adherence to the policies, protocols and procedures.
- Committee Members were concerned with differing policies and standards of each partner agency and requested that further review be conducted.
- Robert Desiderio, WCCNM Legal Counsel, will examine the policies before they are formally approved.
- Members thanked staff for coordinating this effort and setting standards for the BCC.
- Staff will update the Committee on this issue.

### **Questions and Comments Followed**

Motion to table: John Sapien

**Second: Rita Logan Further Discussion** 

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

## **Tab 6. Civic Engagement of Older Adults Presentation** – by Doug Calderwood, Aging and Long-term Services Department

- Doug Calderwood presented background information on the Civic Engagement of Older Adults and the many ways that the WCCNM could benefit and contribute to this project.
- The program's efforts are focused on educating businesses on ways to creatively engage the aging workforce.
- Job fairs and long-term planning will be taking place that will strengthen this initiative.

### **Questions and Comments Followed**

### **Tab 7. WIA Status Updates** – by Patrick Newman

- Mr. Newman reported on the current standings of the New Mexico Workforce Connection Bernalillo BCC.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the General Services Department and the Department of Workforce Solutions (DWS) has been signed.
- The MOU between the Board and DWS is being re-crafted with conditions of building and maintenance.
- Labor and Industrial as well as Veterans Representatives DWS staff will be vacating the Bernalillo BCC.
- Pending permit approval, construction to the Bernalillo BCC building will begin the end of March 2008.
- Locations for the Sandoval BCC are currently being evaluated.
- Staff continues to work with providers and BCC teams.
- Mr. Newman stated that overall, the program is doing well.
- A table display at this year's National Association of Workforce Board's (NAWB) Forum 2008 showcased the New Mexico Workforce Connection WIA program and services.

### **Discussion and Comments Followed**

### REPORTS

### **Administrative Reports**

- Bob Davey discussed the NAWB Forum 2008 and future workforce initiatives.
- Mr. Davey noted how it will be imperative to coordinate with other agencies in future efforts to gain more productivity with less funding.
- With the unknown effects of the current rescission and PY07 allocations, it is essential that the Committee meet to evaluate future funding impacts of the WIA program.
- Time will be allocated for the Committee to meet and discuss options and provide definable outcomes.

### **Questions and Comments Followed**

### **Committee Reports-**

- Youth Council Mary Lee Martin
  - The next Youth Council will be meeting on May 8, 2008.

### Performance and Monitoring

- The next Performance and Monitoring Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2008.
- Training and Service Provider
  - The next Training and Service Provider Committee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2008.
- Building an Employer-Driven One-Stop System (BEDOSS) Ken Carson
  - None.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

### **Public Comments**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Adjournment** – 9:25 am

### **Next Meeting-**

**Date:** Thursday, April 3, 2008

**Time:** 7:30 am

**Location:** Mid-Region Council of Governments

A more detailed account of the meeting and discussions are available for review at the MRCOG offices at: 809 Copper NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.